(c) Adequate capacity has already been installed/approved to meet the expected demand for paper and paperboard by 1989-90.

Relief to Bhopal gas victims

555. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of relief so far provided to the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) the total number of victims who received the relief;

(c) the number of victims who are yet to receive relief assistance; and

(d) the steps being taken to rehabilitate these victims by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (d) Comprehensive measures on a massive scale have been undertaken by the Govt of Madhya Pradesh. These include, *inter alia*, special medical facilities for involving creation of several new medical facilities for follow-up treatment of all the victim free distribution of foodgrains to all those living in the affected areas; providing of assistance for suitable alternative occupations for the victims; taking up of special projects for looking after the health. nutrition and related needs for pregnant and lactating mothers.

Ex-gratia relief of Rs. 10,00 is being given to the families of each deceased person, and Rs. 1500 to affected families having income less than Rs. 500. According to information received from the State Government, in June, 1985, of 1754 deaths confirmed so far families of 851 deceased persons have already been given *exgratia* relief. A survey has also been undertaken to identify each affected family and while some families have alreay been granted the ex-gratia amount this will be completed only after completion of the survey.

Ex-gratia payment is also being for dead catte upto june 85, such payments have been made in respect of 923 animals, out of 2916 animals that were reported to have died.

A special cell has been set-up under the Bhopal Collectorate to organise relief and rehabiltation and an officer of the rank of Additional Chief Secretary has been appointed as Relief Commissioner.

Activities of Smith Stanistreet and Company

556. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Smith Stanistreet and Company Limited is presently engaged in only formulations activities;

(b) whether there is any proposal to re-start the production of old popular products of the company;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company failed to meet the target due to non-availability of raw materials;

(d) what is the role of IDPL in providing raw materials to Smith Stani-street and Company limited;

(e) whether they are providing adequate supply of raw material to Smith Stanistreet and Company Limited; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.